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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Election and Preliminary Amendment in Response to the to the Office Action, mailed August 18, 2005, (13 pages); and a check \$1080.00) for the requisite fee for a five-month extension of time; and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

**Extension fee for a five-month extension of time:**☒ By a small entity.....\$1080.00☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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